

Boone County Historical Society



July, 2018

Boone County Heritage Day/Chalkfest
10-2 Saturday, July 7
Behind Admin. Bldg.
and in the BCHS Museum in Burlington

Bring your kids and grandkids to our annual Heritage Day and Chalkfest! This is an excellent opportunity to show them the household items and farm tools used by those families who lived in Boone County in “the good old days!”

Some of the best young artists in the county will compete in the biggest sidewalk chalk art show in the area — you gotta see how they do it! Asa Rouse’s Gold Wing motorcycle buddies will

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BCHS’s Annual “Out-and-About” ***7 pm Thursday, July 19, 2018*** ***Big Bone Lick State Historic Site***

We are pleased to hold our annual Out-and-About at the Museum/Visitors Center at Big Bone Lick State Historic Site (formerly State Park).

The Site, (3380 Beaver Road), is recognized as the birthplace of American vertebrate paleontology for its significant role in the development of scientific thought regarding extinction and the relationship of geology and paleontology the world over.

It was designated as an official Lewis and Clark Heritage Trail Site by the National Park Service in 2002. The museum displays fossilized bones and artifacts from the last 18,000 years.



We are so grateful to **Site Interpreter Amelia Hulth** who will be on hand to explain the exhibits and features. Refreshments follow on the patio.

The meeting is free and open to the public. Please invite your friends and family members to attend.

If you have something that you would be willing to loan us for Heritage Day display, call Betsy at 371-5882. Thank you. brc

Big Bone Methodist Church was constructed in 1888. The original congregation, which was organized in 1887 and led by Reverend George Froh, (a German veteran of the Civil War) helped in the construction.



As was the custom, a social order lodge shared the expense of the construction and upkeep and occupied the upper floor, accessed by a separate stairway.

The foundation of the church was made from limestone rock, mostly carried up from Big Bone Creek. What makes the church unique is its simplistic nature that manages to incorporate vernacular Gothic Revival and Queen Anne features into the design. The church is listed on the National Register of Historic Places primarily due to its architectural significance.

Big Bone Methodist Church is one of the few two-story churches left standing in Kentucky from that era. Services were held here until the mid-1980's, when the congregation disbanded to other area churches. To preserve the church's historical significance, it was acquired by the state in 2003 as an addition to Big Bone Lick State Park. **Unfortunately, because of its fragile condition, we will not be able to enter this precious old church building. Hopefully sufficient funds will be raised to rescue it. More about that later.**

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rev up their engines, Tom and Carol Schiffer will display their wonderful old steam boat, lots of vintage cars, great music, food vendors, members of the Boone County Visual Arts Assn. will display their artworks, the Historical Society Museum will feature displays of vintage kitchen ware courtesy of our member Don Goodridge, vintage quilts, embroideries, and other needlework items. Music, food ... the list goes on and on! Come out and see our museum in the small white building formerly known as the old County Clerk's Office. See you there!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sept. 20, 2018: BCHS meeting with our own Michael Rouse presenting his program on the **history of Limaburg.**

Nov. 15, 2018: BCHS meeting with speaker Ron Buckley and his extensive archaeological research on **Absolom Graves.**

Fri., Dec. 7: Boone County's Christmas Tree Lighting event — including Santa Claus, display of old time Christmas toys and trains in the Ferguson Community Center.

WOVEN COTTON THROWS AVAILABLE



BCHS has already sold nearly all of the woven cotton throws ordered in December. The throws feature images of Boone County's notable sites. The price is \$45 each; all proceeds are dedicated to the acquisition of more historic markers for Boone County. Our partnership agreement with BCPL precludes us from selling them at the Library, but you may email **BCHS Board Member Kathy Meyers** kjm99mmm@gmail.com to order one — or more!

HISTORIC MARKERS ERECTED BY BOONE CO. HISTORICAL SOCIETY

BCHS's signature project has been to erect Historical Highway Markers in Boone County. To date, we have posted nine markers. The tenth one, **John Uri Lloyd/Stringtown on the Pike**, will be erected this autumn in Crossroads Point Plaza (corner of Main Street/Dixie/Turfway — site now under construction). The cost of that marker is being shared by the City of Florence.

- 2012: Bullittsburg Baptist Church
- 2012: Hopeful Lutheran Church
- 2013: Anderson Ferry
- 2013: John Hunt Morgan
- 2014: Dinsmore Homestead
- 2014: Craig's Camp/Burlington
- 2015: Lewis Loder/Petersburg Distillery
- 2015: Dr. George Sperti Sperti
- 2017: CCC Camp in Walton

The historic marker commemorating the Civil War's "**Skirmish at Florence**" that had been standing at the southwest corner of U.S. 25/127 since 1962, was destroyed last New Year's Eve, but has recently been replaced by the Kentucky Historical Society with funds from the at-fault driver's insurance. Hooray!

THE BCHS MUSEUM

Boone County Historical Society expresses appreciation to the Boone County Judge/Executive and Fiscal Court Commissioners for permission to use the Old County Clerk's Office as a repository for items of historical significance to Boone County's heritage.

Directions: I-71/75 Exit 181 (KY 18 Burlington Pk). Pro-

ceed westbound 4.6 miles, turn right at the first traffic signal (Bullittsville-Burlington Road aka Garrard St.); turn left into the Boone County Administration Building parking lot. The Museum is the small white brick building marked "County Court Clerk's Office...1853" The street address is 2965 Gallatin Street, Burlington, KY 41005.



Artwork by Pattie Purnell

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ABOUT THE BOONE COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The **mission** of the Boone County Historical Society is to develop awareness and promote appreciation of the history of Boone County, Kentucky. We are fortunate to partner with the Boone County Public Library.

The Boone County Historical Society provides program meetings at 7pm on the third Thursday evenings of January, March, May, July, September and November.

Meetings (except for July) are held at the Boone County Public Library, Main Library, 1786 Burlington Pike, Burlington, Kentucky. July "out-and-about" meetings are held at various locations around the County.

The Society hosts a number of exhibits at the BCHS Museum (*see page 3*) each year. Most items for these exhibits are borrowed on a temporary basis from our members and friends, and do not belong to the Society. We greatly appreciate being entrusted with these loaned items that relate to our exhibits.

Items in our permanent collection have been donated by individuals and families who desire to share with others items of historical significance to Boone County. Their generosity is gratefully appreciated.

Annual membership fee is \$15 per household, due every January. This covers the cost of printing and mailing our newsletters. Checks, payable to the Boone County Historical Society, can be mailed to the Boone County Historical Society, P.O. Box 23, Florence, KY 41022-0023.

The Boone County Historical Society has received a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status — all gifts to the Society are tax deductible.

All programs and exhibits are free and open to the public.

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